Vacaville, Calif., Feb.9, 1940.

Dear Marion:

Your letter explaining why you wanted to know about the local rumpus in 1932 came yesterday. In regard to it, there is one thing I dont want you to do. Dont see McWilliams and apolôgize for your dad's conduct at that time, nor tell him that I have changed my mind about that situation. If a similar situation arose here, I would do over again just what I did. I dont think much of a writer who would label a person just by what he reads in the newspapaers. Nor do I care one tinker's dam what he or anybody else thinks or says about my conduct at that time. I still feel that I rendered this community a good service and helped to put a stop to a movement which, had it been allowed to get the upper hand, would have brot us untold disaster. That outside bunch of trouble-makers who came here and stirred up the trouble were sent here by an organized group of communists whose sole aim was to stir up trouble everywhere until they could grab the reins of control and swing this country to Russian communism, in the Russian or Stalin way. This is not a wild conclusion on my part. We had a detective who wormed his way into the Communist group as one of them and who reported to us all their doings. I know what I am talking about. Whatever wrong may exist in the treatment of farm help by the farmers, getting at the trouble the way the communists did is not our American way of solving the problem.

Nor do I want you to conclude from what I said at the Spanish meeting in 1936 that I repudiated what I did in 1932. That meeting was for the sole purpose of aiding the Spanish Republican cause in Spain, and the action of our officers and the prejudice of of so many against our Spanish citizens prompted me to say what I did in their behalf. I again spoke for peace and harmony in our community, as I always will whenever the situation warrants it, no matter whose feeling I may hurt nor what disapproval I may stir up. You may call my attitude superficial all you please, but attacking a wrong situation that may exist, in a wrong way is not my solution to the problem. Such attack may result in a still greater wrong. In 1932 a dire emergency existed and this community had to meet it drastically in order to stave off a greater disaster. We dont need communists to solve our problems, either in the agriculture field or that of industry.

The almond tree is in full bloom. The lilies are growing rapidly. Some of your transplanted daffodils have buds and will soon bloom. Spring is almost here and the call of the wild is in the air.

Baby weighs 8 lbs and 13 oz. She has a rash on her face that Velma is trying to get rid of, due either to heat or diet, I suppose. Velma is getting to feel like her normal self. The flu cases in town are diminishing. We have had to date over 17 inches of rain. Little Helen Lum brot us a box of Chinese candy. Fred Deakin gave the baby a pretty gold ring. Dont work too hard. Come home when you can; we shall be mighty glad to see you. Lots of love from the three of us,

Dad.